Activities of Projects Export Corporation

1501. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the activities undertaken by the Projects Export Corporation (PEC);

(b) the details of its activities which are similar to those of STC and MMTC and also those different from them;

(c) the details of the cases of malpractices/irregularities in the PEC; and

(d) the action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The name of the Projects and Equipments Corporation of India Limited was changed to PEC Ltd. in 1997. The main activities of PEC Limited cetres around export of engineering products and equipments especially from small and medium enterprises, export and import of bulk items, namely, commodities, raw material and bullion etc.

(b) The Activities of PEC which are similar to those of STC and MMTC mainly relate to export and import of commodities and bullion. However, engineering projects and equipment exports are mainly udnertaken by PEC and exports of high grade iron ore is done by MMTC Limited.

(c) There are no established cases of malpractices/irregularities in the PEC Limited.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Export of herbs

1502. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the country in export of herbs to Germany and U.K.; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase